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DEPT PASS FAS/USDA FOR HATHAWAY, SCHUH, SAYLOR FROM GWHITE

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SUBJECT: U.S. BRAZIL SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

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1. I MET WITH MINISTER PAULINELLI MAY 8 ACCOMPANIED BY AGATT LEON MEARS AND AREA OFFICER JOHN MCDONALD AND PRESENTED MAY 3 LETTER FROM SECRETARY BERGLAND WITH REFERENCE TO LAUNCHING THE WORK OF THE AGRICULTURAL SUB-GROUP AGREED UPON BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT GEISEL.

2. MINISTER PAULINELLI RESPONDED WARMLY TO THE LETTER AND INDICATED HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THE SUB-GROUP. HE SAID THAT ANTONIO LICIO, HIS ADVISOR ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING, WOULD LIKELY HEAD THE BRAZILIAN TEAM TO THE U.S.. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY RESPOND TO THE LETTER.

3. IN DISCUSSING HIS INTEREST IN THE SUB-GROUP, MINISTER PAULINELLI COMPLIMENTED AGATT MEARS ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF BRAZILIAN AGRICULTURE AND ON HIS INTEREST IN COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. PAULINELLI RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MEARS WAS TO BE THE POINT OF CONTACT WITH
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THE EMBASSY AND I CONFIRMED THIS. HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT MEARS MIGHT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE INITIAL MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON.

4. ALTHOUGH DATES WERE NOT CONFIRMED I EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WEEK OF JUNE 19. ALTHOUGH NOT COMMITTING HIMSELF, MINISTER PAULINELLI APPRECIATED THE NEED TO GET THE WORK

OF THE GROUP UNDER WAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING, LICIO ADVISED THAT THEY WILL MEET WITH THE DUTCH THE WEEK OF THE 19TH AND WOULD PREFER MEETING WITH USDA EITHER THE WEEK BEFORE OR THE WEEK AFTER. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION I CONVEYED THE GREETINGS FROM SCHUH TO PAULINELLI. HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT SCHUH WOULD BE PERSONALLY INVOLVED WITH THE SUB-GROUP.
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